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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that a certificate of correction be issued regarding this patent, to correct a typographical error at Claim 9. Particularly, Claim 9 as issued recites "the at least one heating surface comprises three heating surfaces." This duplicates Claim 10 as issued.

In fact, Claim 9 as filed recited "the at least one heating surface comprises two heating surfaces." A copy of page 16 of the original application is attached.

This error was introduced as a typographical error in the amendment filed September 24, 2004, which set out Claim 9 in the form issued, i.e., with the word "two" inadvertently replaced by the word "three". A copy of page 5 of this amendment is attached, showing amendments to claim 9, which do not include replacement of "two" with "three."

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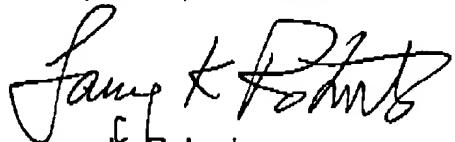
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Applicants respectfully submit that this error occurred in good faith, as a typographical or clerical error, and that issuance of a certificate of correction is in order.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

At Column 11, lines 12-14, cancel the text commencing with "9. The water heater" and ending with "three heating surfaces." and insert the following claim:

9. The water heater system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heating surface comprises two heating surfaces.

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7. The water heater according to claim 4, further comprising a high limit switch connected to the first and second temperature sensors and to the power supply;

wherein the high limit switch automatically causes power to be disconnected from the water heater when the water temperature exceeds a predetermined temperature, the high limit  
5 switch automatically reconnecting the power supply once the water temperature has dropped below a predetermined temperature.

8. The water heater according to claim 1, further comprising a control panel connected to the electronic controller for inputting user preferences;

10 wherein the electronic controller activates and deactivates the heater in response to input signals from the temperature sensors and the control panel.

9. The water heater according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heating surface comprises two heating surfaces.

15 10. The water heater according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heating surface comprises three heating surfaces.

11. The water heater according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heating surface  
20 comprises four heating surfaces.

12. The water heater according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heating surface comprises a plurality of heating surfaces corresponding to the number of sides 'n' of a polygonal cross-section of the heating chamber.

25 13. The water heater according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heating surface comprises a plurality of heating surfaces corresponding to the number 'n' minus one ('n-1'), wherein 'n' corresponds to the number of sides of a polygonal cross-section of the heating chamber.

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wherein the high limit switch automatically causes power to be disconnected from the water heater when the water temperature exceeds a predetermined temperature, the high limit switch requiring a manual reset once the water temperature has dropped below a predetermined temperature.

7. (Currently Amended) The water heater system according to claim 4, further comprising a high limit switch connected to the first and second temperature sensors and to the power supply;

wherein the high limit switch automatically causes power to be disconnected from the water heater when one of the first or second water temperatures exceeds a predetermined temperature, the high limit switch automatically reconnecting the power supply once the one of the first or second water temperature has dropped below a predetermined temperature.

8. (Currently Amended) The water heater system according to claim 1, further comprising a control panel connected to the electronic controller for inputting user preferences;

wherein the electronic controller activates and deactivates the water heater in response to input signals from the at least one temperature sensor[s] and the control panel.

9. (Currently Amended) The water heater system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heating surface comprises three heating surfaces.

10. (Currently Amended) The water heater system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heating surface comprises three heating surfaces.

11. (Currently Amended) The water heater system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one heating surface comprises four heating surfaces.